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Wildfire

More and more people are making their homes in woodland settings in or near forests, rural areas, or remote mountain sites. There, homeowners enjoy the beauty of the environment but face the very real danger of wildfire.

Wildfires often begin unnoticed. They spread quickly, igniting brush, trees, and homes. Reduce your risk by preparing now before wildfire strikes. Meet with your family to decide what to do and where to go if wildfires threaten your area. The steps listed below are designed to protect your family, home, and property.

Materials for Children:

- *Fire Prevention Week Campaign Kit* (ARC 5016)
Contains ideas, stories, sample news releases, camera-ready artwork, and information for use during Fire Prevention Week, and, since most of the information in the kit is undated, throughout the year.
- "Be Ready 1-2-3" features a children's workbook (ARC 5017), Instructor's Manual (ARC 5018), "How-To" Guide (ARC 5019), and "completion certificate" (C-814) that involve puppets who give important safety information to children ages 3-8 about residential fire safety, winter storms, and earthquakes.
- "Fire Safety Activity Poster" (ARC 5034) is an 18" x 24" poster designed for children ages 4-8 on one side, and 8-12 on the other. Contains a maze, puzzle, word find, and coloring pages. In English and Spanish.
- "[Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book](#)" (PDF File) (ARC 2200, English, or ARC 2200S, Spanish) for children ages 3-10.

Each step below is elaborated on the Red Cross website as the “Materials for Children” listed above.

- **Practice Wildfire Safety**
- **Protect Your Home**
- **Before Wildfire Threatens**
- **Create a 30- to 100-Foot Safety Zone Around Your Home.**
- **Plan Your Water Needs**
- **When Wildfire Threatens**
- **If Advised to Evacuate, Do So Immediately**
- **If You're sure You Have Time, Take Steps to Protect Your Home**
- **Emergency Supplies**
- **Create a Family Disaster Plan**
- **Meet With Your Family**
- **Plan How Your Family Will Stay in Contact if Separated by Disaster**